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"BOTAN TORO"(A Peony Lantern)

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This is adapted from the old Chinese novel "Botantoki" (A tale of Peony Lantern) which is full of voluptuous beauty and mystery and has often been performed in Kabuki (Classical Play). This time we are to adapt it into dance and try a new performance.

One day a masterless samurai Shinzaburo Hagiwara enjoys fishing with his friend, and at night he dreams the pleasure of the day after he goes to sleep. In the dream, when he drops a fishing-line, a beautiful tone of a music tempts him to a house of a retainer of the Shogun. He finds there Otsuyu a daughter of the house playing the music. She entertains him as if she had expected his visit. When he leaves her house, she presents him an incense-box. When he is awakened from the cheerful dream, he finds before his eyes the incense-box which was presented by Otsuyu in the dream. From the night on, Otsuyu visits Shinzaburo secretly like mist every night with her nurse Oyone from somewhere yearning for him.